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OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

Steven A. Lancellotta, Esq. Rini, Coran & Lancellotta, P.C. 1350 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Suite 900 Washington, D.C. 20036-1701 80285

Re: Glades Media Company (WAFC)
Request for Reduction of FY 1997
Regulatory Fee
Fee control # 9709238835259003

Dear Mr. Lancellotta:

This is in response to your request for reduction of the Fiscal Year 1997 (FY 1997) regulatory fee paid by Glades Media Company, licensee of Class B AM Radio Station WAFC, Clewiston, Florida. Please excuse our failure to respond to your request in a more timely manner.

WAFC was assessed a regulatory fee of \$2,000 based on a daytime protected service contour encompassing over 4,800,000 people. You maintain that the Commission has overstated the population in WAFC's protected service contour, because it failed to consider the effect of the signal from AM Radio Station CMCA, Havana, Cuba, on its service area. Engineering calculations show a substantially reduced daytime interference free contour encompassing a population of only 12,673 people. You assert that the interference from CMCA has been confirmed by FCC remote monitoring in southern Florida.

Commission monitoring has confirmed the interference from Cuban Radio Station CMCA to WAFC. The Commission, however, has never agreed to accept the interference from CMCA to WAFC, and it has not been able to negotiate with the Cuban government for CMCA to provide appropriate protection to WAFC. WAFC is forced to accept greater interference within its protected service contours than other radio stations. Thus, we will grant WAFC's request for reduction of regulatory fee and its FY 1997 regulatory will be based on coverage of 12,673 people.

WAFC will be assessed an FY 1997 regulatory fee of \$200, the regulatory fee for a Class B AM Radio Station with a protected service area encompassing 12,673 people. Glades Media Company paid an FY 1997 regulatory fee of \$2,000 and it is entitled to a refund of \$1800.

A check, made payable to the maker of the original check, and drawn in the amount of \$1800, will be sent to you at the earliest practicable time. If you have any questions concerning this refund, please contact the Chief, Fee Section at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

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Chief Financial Officer

